

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 through 9 remain pending in the current application. Claims 3, 4, and 8 have been amended. New Claim 9 has been added. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that the amended claims do not go beyond the disclosure of the application as filed.

The claims have been amended to place the application in conformity with more traditional U.S. practice in order to expedite prosecution and to reduce filing costs. As such, the amendments should not be considered as narrowing the scope of protection sought by Applicants.

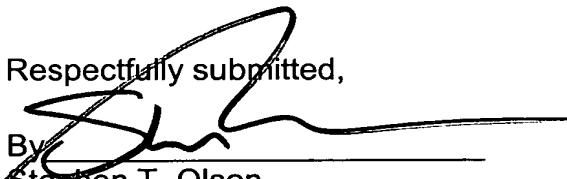
In view of the above amendments, applicants believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750, under Order No. 8952-000014/US/NP from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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